

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Message to the Congress on the Authority To Order the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty To Address International Drug Trafficking**  
*April 27, 2023*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Effective today, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) and section 12302 of title 10, United States Code, and in order to respond to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021 (Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade), I am authorizing the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security to order to active duty such units and individual members of the Ready Reserve under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned as the Secretary concerned considers necessary, consistent with the terms of section 12302 of title 10, United States Code. The authorities that have been invoked will ensure the Department of Defense can properly sustain its support of the Department of Homeland Security concerning international drug trafficking along the Southwest Border.

A copy of the Executive Order I have issued is enclosed.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

The White House,  
April 27, 2023.

NOTE: The message referred to Executive Order 14097. An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

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